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January 23, 2001

Grand Jury
County of Monterey
P. O. Box 414
Salinas, CA 93902

Attention: Susan V. Balesteri, Foreman

Dear Ms. Balesteri:

Subject: Response to the 2000 Grand Jury Report

As requested in the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report of 2000, the Alisal Union School District is providing the following information in response to the two recommendations noted on page 25 of the report entitled "Use of California State Lottery Funds in Monterey County."

Recommendation 1

The County Superintendent and all Monterey County school districts receiving revenue from the California Lottery verify that they have established and are maintaining separate accounts for the receipt and expenditure of these funds as required by Section 8880.5 of the California Government Code.

Response

The Alisal Union School District has always maintained this revenue and relevant expenditures in a completely separate sub-fund, Sub-Fund 21, Lottery.

Recommendation 2

The County Superintendent and all Monterey County school districts review their accounting practices to facilitate tracking and compliance with the new requirements of California's Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000 as defined in Section 8880.4 of the California Government Code.

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Response

The Monterey County Office of Education has set up a completely separate sub-fund, Sub-Fund 14, Restricted Lottery, to comply with this law. The Alisal Union School District is utilizing this new sub-fund for that purpose.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barry Schimmel".

Barry Schimmel, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent
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cc: Alisal Union School District Board of Trustees
Alfonso Anaya, Ed.D., Superintendent